## U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

May 20, 2015

The Honorable Tom Cotton United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

Thank you for your letter in support of the U.S. Small Business Administrations' (SBA) State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Grant program.

On April 8, 2015, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued program announcement OIT-STEP-2015-01 regarding funding assistance under the STEP program. When we receive the applications, we will give each application full consideration in accordance with the evaluation criteria listed in the program announcement.

We appreciate your support of the SBA and the Arkansas small business community. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the SBA Office of Congressional Affairs at (202) 205-6700.

Sincerely,

Eileen Sanchez Associate Administrator